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Decision by the Board of the Register of Damage for Ukraine

In accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of Ministers CM/Res(2023)3 establishing the Enlarged Partial Agreement on the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the Register was established on 16 May 2023 for an initial period of three years. In the same Resolution, the Committee of Ministers agreed “to review the functioning of the Register, with a view to considering the continuation of its operation, by the end of that initial period of three years.”

Since its inception, the Register has undertaken a critical and unprecedented role as the first component of an international compensation mechanism to address the damage, loss and injury caused by the Russian Federation’s internationally wrongful acts in or against Ukraine and laying the foundation for the work of the future mechanism.

Successful Implementation of the Mandate

In just two years of operation, the Register has transitioned from an ideal to a fully functioning international mechanism. Notable milestones include:

- **Legal and Procedural Framework:** The Register has adopted and implemented a comprehensive set of legal instruments—including governance documents and Claims Forms and Rules for all 43 claims categories—ensuring legal certainty, accessibility, and procedural transparency.
- **Operational Readiness:** The Register became fully operational in April 2024 with the launch of its first claims category, enabling the submission of claims for damage or destruction of residential property. Since then, nine additional claims categories have been opened, with the remaining categories scheduled for rollout over the course of the year. As of today, over 31,000 claims have been received.
- **Claims Recorded:** The Board has already rendered decisions on the recording of over 5,200 claims in the Register, validating the credibility and viability of the claims process.
- **Technological Innovation:** The Register has developed the Reparations Claims Management System (RCMS) - a secure digital infrastructure designed to manage the intake, organisation, processing and grouping of claims. The Register has also partnered with the Government of Ukraine to enable claims submission via the “Diia” platform, ensuring user-friendly accessibility for war-affected individuals and entities.
- **Outreach and Engagement:** The establishment of the Civil Society Coordination Platform, the launch of the Register’s website, and its growing social media presence

have significantly enhanced the Register's visibility and awareness among potential claimants in Ukraine and internationally. The Platform, which brings together more than 50 organisations, strengthens outreach efforts both within Ukraine and abroad by promoting understanding of the Register's mandate and claims submission procedures, while also building the capacity of participating organisations to provide direct support to affected individuals and entities. In March, the Board visited Ukraine and engaged in high-level meetings with key Ukrainian officials, victims of Russia's aggression, civil society representatives, and international partners—an important step in reinforcing these outreach efforts and deepening engagement with stakeholders on the ground.

- **International Participation and Support:** The Register's membership remains steady with 41 Participants and 3 Associate Members which reflects strong and continuing international support.
- **Premises and Staffing:** The Register has established permanent offices in The Hague and Kyiv and scaled its Secretariat to 33 staff members both in The Hague and in Ukraine, with continued recruitment underway.

Ongoing and future work

The Register's core functions—receiving, processing, and recording claims—will require ongoing operations beyond May 2026. In addition, its integral role in preparing for the future claims commission makes its continuation essential.

Recommendation

In light of the above, and recognising also the indispensable role of the Register as the first component of a future international compensation mechanism for Ukraine, the Board strongly recommends that the Committee of Ministers in its composition restricted to the representatives of the States members of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine confirms the establishment of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.



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